

DNR Personnel I am not sure I'm sending this to the right DNR office , if I'm not please send it to the proper one . I own property and a camp in Dickinson County , West Branch Township , Section 24 . After reading the article by Ron Dwordinski , on feral swine in the Detroit Free Press dated 1/16/11 , I felt obligated to contact the DNR and let them know about my experiences with free roaming hogs . There is a game ranch located approx. 3 miles from my property in Marquette County , run by Dave VanAlsaker , called " Hog Wild " in Northland , Mi. He features Russian Boar hunts . Apparently , he is unable to contain his animals and we now have them running all over the countryside . I shot one in the fall of 2009 , a small one 150# , that was tagged no.18 . Listening to other adjoining camps , I would guess that at least 6-8 of these animals have been shot . A neighbor was bowhunting fall of 2009 when 7 hogs came into his bait , unfortunately he was unable to place a killing shot . I can't confirm this but it was rumored that a taxidermist in the Labranch area had 60 plus hog heads waiting to be processed . I have had food plots ruined as hogs completely destroyed a 1/4 acre plot planted to chicory . There are still numerous sightings reported in our area , particularly on trail cams . We had a huge one on a trail cam this past deer season . I was pleased to hear that Director Humphries is taking action on placing restrictions on or getting rid of this unwanted species . Lets get these buggers out of our beautiful north country ! An interested and concerned sportsman James R. Karsten , Alpena, Mi.